

April 9, 2008

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD.**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

The Torrance Cable Television Advisory Board convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 2008, at 7:17p.m. in the Torrance Community Television Studio located in the Stanley E. Remelmeyer Telecommunications Center.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Commissioners: Carlson, Korman, Perkins, Sunshine and Chair Nishinaga

**Also Present:** Cindy Hibbard, Secretary  
Don Fefie, Acting TCtv Coordinator  
Michael D. Smith, Cable & Community Relations Manager

**Excused:** Barnard and Haussmann

**Absent:** None

**3. FLAG SALUTE:**

Commissioner Carlson led the salute to the flag.

**4. MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Korman moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on posting of the agenda for this meeting. This motion seconded by Commissioner Carlson, carried with an aye vote.*

**5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS - NONE**

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A) March 12, 2008**

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Sunshine moved to approve the minutes of December 12, 2007. This motion seconded by Commissioner Carlson, motion carried with an aye vote.*

**7. SCHEDULED BUSINESS:**

**A) Community Matters – NONE**

**B) Committee Reports**

**1) Producer Incentive Committee - NONE**

### **C) Report of the Community Television Center**

- 1) **March, 2008** – Coordinator Fefie discussed statistics for the month. He highlighted 13 new programs were completed with 30 programs bicycled. He also noted studio usage was at 46%, field camera check-outs for the DV Field Camcorders were at 66%. Post-production was very low at 22% compared to 33% same time last year. Staff and volunteers were able to take the mobile production van out for 2 shoots, compared to none the previous year. 02 Users attended Field Production Planning Workshop, with 02 becoming certified. 02 Users attended the Post-Production Workshop with 02 becoming certified. 02 Producers took the Waiver Exams, with 02 becoming certified. Staff gave a tour of 46 youth and adults from St. Lawrence Martyr School.

Brief discussion followed.

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Carlson moved to accept the Torrance Community Television Center Report for March 2008. This motion seconded by Commissioner Perkins, motion carried with aye vote.*

### **D) Report of Legislative and Cable Related Activities**

Manager Smith reported Verizon Communications Inc (VZ.N) wants the U.S. Federal Communications Commission to make it easier for consumers to switch video service providers, as competition with cable companies heats up.

Comcast Corp and Time Warner Cable Inc, the two largest U.S. cable operators, are discussing a plan to fund a new wireless company that would be run by Sprint Nextel Corp and Clearwire Corp. Comcast is expected to contribute as much as \$1 billion for the wireless venture, which would use emerging WiMAX technology for the nationwide venture, said the sources, who were familiar with the deal but not authorized to speak to the media about it.

Magid study finds 6 in 10 Americans are now aware of Feb. 17, 2009, DTV switch; but HDTV confusion could prove headache for cable, satellite operators

Three cable giants are accusing Verizon (VZ) of illegally using proprietary information it obtains as a wholesale telecom provider to retain customers who had planned to switch to the cable providers for their phone service.

Just days after its re-launch, Comcast Bay Area is one of the first regional sports networks to pitch Major League Baseball games on demand. The network, formerly called FSN Bay Area, launched as Comcast SportsNet Bay Area and immediately began offering an on-demand package of San Francisco Giants content that included replays of the club's first series of the 2008 season against nemesis the Los Angeles Dodgers, as well as classic Giants games and other shoulder programming, according to network officials.

A Convergsys support technician outsourced by Comcast may have gone a little overboard in a quest for righteous videogame vengeance. After getting packet flooded (a networking trick that essentially DDOS's a user's Xbox) by some fellow gamers on Microsoft's Xbox Live! service, the rep decided to use Comcast support systems to

wage war on the perpetrator. Once he identified the cheater as a Comcast user, he accessed their account information to get revenge. Unfortunately for him, he posted his personal information while bragging about violating the user's privacy.

Brief discussion followed.

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Carlson moved to accept the Report of Legislative and Cable Related Activities for March 2008. This motion seconded by Commissioner, Perkins motion carried with aye vote.*

**E) Old Business - NONE**

**F) New Business - NONE**

**G) ADDENDUM MATTERS - NONE**

**8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A) Manager Smith thanked the Commission for hosting the Open Mic Night; he reported nothing but positive comments from the participants.
- B) Manager Smith also reminded the Commission of the upcoming SCAN NATOA Inc. Spring Conference and that we needed to confirm their attendance.
- C) Coordinator Fefie expressed that he is enjoying his service as TCtv Coordinator. He is very pleased with the opportunity and enthusiastic about improving the operation.
- D) Commissioner Carlson welcomed Don Fefie as the Acting Coordinator.
- E) Commissioner Korman said she was also pleased with the way Open Mic turned out. She was very impressed how professional the staff handled the project.
- F) Commissioner Perkins mentioned she was unable to participate this year in Open Mic but was glad to hear it turned out great.
- G) Commissioner Perkins wished everyone a happy May Day.
- H) Commissioner Sunshine said he was also pleased with the success of Open Mic.
- I) Chairman Nishinaga mentioned he was impressed with Production Supervisor, Renard Ricks. He felt he was very professional and supportive of each participant.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Nishinaga adjourned the meeting of April 9, 2008 to reconvene on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Smith  
Cable & Community Relations Manager